Under the scheme, eligible ST students are awarded scholarship covering full tuition fee and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/Government-funded institutions. However, there is a ceiling of Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs.3.72 lakh per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training. In addition, the scholarship also provides for (i) living expenses @ Rs. 2200/- per month per student subject to actuals, (ii) books and stationery @ Rs. 3000/- per annum per student and (iii) cost of a latest computer system along with its accessories limited to Rs. 45000/- as one time assistance during the course. Grant is being released to identified institutes and not State-wise. During 2007-08, grant was released to various institutes for disbursement of scholarship to 78 ST students.

Implementation of Forest Rights Act

2301. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, State-wise;

(b) whether the Jharkhand Government has asked for clarifications regarding implementation of Forest Right Act, since there are no panchayat in the State; and

(c) whether Government has provided any clarifications to the Jharkhand Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) As per the information available with the Ministry, States have progressed in varying degrees in implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. While States like Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal have established the prescribed structures and procedures, have received a large number of claims and some have even started distributing title deeds, other States, because of various reasons, including holding of State and Panchayat elections, are still to catch up. As on 30.11.2008, 15,06,684 (approx) claims have been received and 94,264 titles distributed in various States. State-wise details at statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Jharkhand, vide their letter dated 29.2.2008, had informed that the State Government was facing problems in constituting the Forest Rights Committees, Sub-Divisional Level Committees and District Level Committee under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and the Rules framed thereunder as Panchayat elections have not been held in the State and there was no Gram Panchayat. The State Government had accordingly sought necessary instructions for implementing the Act in the State. Necessary directions were issued to the State Government on 9.7.2007 that in the absence of Panchayati Raj Institution in the State of Jharkhand, the State Government may arrange meetings of the Gram Sabhas and ensure representation in the prescribed Committees under the Act in consultation with the Department of Panchayati Raj and the Nodal Department of State Government on Forest Rights Act.

Statement

Status of implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 in the States/UTs

(As on 30.11.2008)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Appointment of Nodal Officer	Formation of various Committees			Translation of the Act and the Rules into the regional languages and distribution to Gram Sabha, FRCs etc.	Creation of Awareness about the provisions of the Act and the Rules	Training of PRI officials, SDLC, DLC members, etc.	Constitution of Forest Rights Committees by Gram Sabhas	No. of claims filed at Gram Sabha level	No. of claims recommended by Gram Sabha to SDLC	No. of claims recommended by SDLC to DLC	No. of claims approved by DLC for title	No. of titles distributed	No. of claims rejected	Projected date for distribution of title deeds
			SDLC	DLC	SLMC											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3,12,564 (3,07,104 individual and 5,460 community claims	1,12,612	84,984	77,541	330 issued before the Court's order (77541 are ready)	6,895	31.1.2009 (subject to Court's approval)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Department of Social Welfare has been selected as the Nodal Department for implementation of the Act in the State. However, Nodal Officer has not been appointed by the State Govt., till now.														
3.	Assam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Is being done	–	Are being constituted	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	February, 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4.	Bihar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	Being created in a limited way through advertisement in local newspapers	Out of 390 Gram Sabhas, training completed in 50 Gram Sabha	Is in progress	495	—	495	—	—	—	—
5.	Chhattisgarh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Going on in a large scale	—	—	4,00,000 (approx)	1,05,000 (approx)	—	99,392	85,549	9,949	June, 2009
6.	Goa	Yes	Proposal under consideration of Government			Is in progress	Has been started and going on in large scale	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Gujarat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	82,397 (individual) and 1595 (community)	—	—	—	—	—	31.3.2009
8.	Haryana	The State Government has informed that there are no Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers living in the forests of Haryana.														
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No need	Yes	Yes	Yes, in 142 Gram Sabhas out of 151 Gram Sabha (94%)	—	—	—	—	—	—	February, 2009

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10.	Jharkhand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2071	878	—	—	—	—	—	—
11.	Karnataka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Has been started	1148	—	—	—	—	—	—	March, 2009
12.	Kerala	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Elections to FRCs are in progress. 281 out of 404 FRCs have been constituted.	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.3.2009
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2,97,000	1,02,789	28,602	15,251	8,059 distributed and 7,192 ready for distribution	4,275	January, 2009
14.	Maharashtra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,07,863	3,139	39	37	—	2	31.3.2009
15.	Manipur	No response from the State Government														
17.	Meghalaya	Yes	No	No	No	Translation of the Act in local languages is held up on account of non—availability of the Act's legal lexicon in local languages	Is being done	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
17.	Mizoram	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Negaland	Government of Nagaland has informed that the land holding system and the village system of the Naga people is peculiar in that the people are the land owners. There are no tribes or group of people or forest dwellers in the State of Nagaland. Hence, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 per se may not be applicable to the State of Nagaland.														
19.	Orissa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, in 45684 villages out of 46515 villages	22,60,80	1,37,362	5,394	399	—	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	34,417 (including 2 community claims)	8,947	2,704	2,043	321 pattas distributed and 1722 claims ready but are withheld owing to the coming into force of model code of conduct for elections.	230	31.3.2009
21.	Sikkim	The Government of Sikkim has issued a notification dated 28.1.2008 regarding constitution of an Expert Committee for identification of Critical Wildlife habitats in Protected Areas (PAs).														
22.	Tamil Nadu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Has started in a limited way	—	Work of setting up FRCs has started. Gram Sabha meetings convened on 15.08.2008	1080	—	—	—	—	—	31.1.2009 (subject to Court's approval)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
23.	Tripura	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Workshop organized for the officials of PRI/SDLC/ DLC.	Yes	74,370	13,995	0	0	0	85	15.1.2009
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No need	15000 copies of the Act and the Rules have been printed and distributed to different dcpartments.	Has started	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.1.2009
25.	Uttarakhand	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	—	Yes	—	3,758 out of 7.541 Gram Panchayats	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.1.2009
26.	West Bengal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,37,825 (1,34,977 individual claims and 2848 community claims)	14,503 (14,328 individual and 175 community claims) verified and 25 cases sent to SDLC	19	5	5	987	31.2.2009

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
27.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Translation has been completed but publication of the translated version yet not done.	Yes	Under Process	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
28.	Daman and Diu	The administration of Daman and Diu has made a reference to this Ministry that the term "State Government" has not been defined under the Act or the Rules thereof. As Daman and Diu is a UT, they have not been able to constitute the prescribed Committees for implementing the Act. The Administration has requested that the term "State Government" may be defined that the State Government in relation to the Union Territories is the Administrator appointed under Article 239 of the Constitution of India. The Ministry has referred the issue to the Ministry of Law and Justice for their advice.														
29.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Has been completed	Has been started and is going on	Has started	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30.	Lakshadweep	The UT Administration has intimated, vide letter dated 6.2.2008, that there are no terrestrial forests and no forest tribes or traditional forest dwellers in Lakshadweep.														
	Total									15,06,684				94,264 issued and 86,455 ready		